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FOLLOWING REPEAT JERUSALEM 0194 ACTION ATHENS  
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ATHENS FOR SAUNDERS (WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY) FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, EG, US, IS  
SUBJECT: ISRAELI AIRCRAFT SALE

1. I ASSUME YOU WILL HAVE SEEN LETTER FROM KING KHALID TO THE  
PRESIDENT WITH THE LANGUAGE ABOUT THE US USING ITS WEIGHT WITH  
ISRAEL. KHALID LETTER DID NOT MENTION QUESTION OF F-16/F-15  
SALES TO ISRAEL, AND SUCH A DIRECT  
REFERENCE WOULD IN ANY CASE NOT BE THE SAUDI STYLE. ITS TIMING,  
HOWEVER, JUST AS FORTHCOMING WEIZMAN VISIT AND QUESTION OF AIR-  
CRAFT SALES ARE BEGINNING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION IN ARAB WORLD,  
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SUGGESTS TO ME THAT THIS IS VERY LIKELY WHAT KHALID IS REFERRING  
TO. YOU WILL ALSO RECALL THAT, WHILE  
SECRETARY WAS MEETING WITH SADAT, VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK MADE  
QUITE A POINT OF ASKING HOW WE COULD BE CONSIDERING AIRCRAFT SALES  
TO ISRAEL WHEN NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN SUCH A CRITICAL PHASE.

2. ALL OF THIS SIMPLY UNDERLINES THE SUGGETION I ASKED BILL BRUBECK

TO RAISE THAT WE NEED TO BEGIN SOON PREPARING THE GOURND WITH CONSID-  
ERABLE CARE IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES FOR THE PUBLICITY ABOUT PENDING  
SALES TO ISRAEL THAT WILL INEVITABLY SURROUND THE WEIZMAN VISIT.  
NEWLIN. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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